

JAMES WORDEN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 737.]

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Mr. DICKSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Worden, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report :*

It appears from the evidence before the committee, that the petitioner entered the service of the United States as seaman, at the city of Boston, on the 17th day of December, 1838, and was soon thereafter drafted to the United States frigate Constitution, under Commodore Claxton, and served in the same vessel during her cruise in the years 1838-'41, and was honorably discharged at Norfolk, Virginia, on or about the first of November, 1841. From the certificate of Dr. Charles D. Maxwell, surgeon of the United States navy, it appears that James Worden was admitted on the medical journal March 23, 1840, nearly one year after the departure of the ship Constitution from the United States, with catarrh ; and subsequently, and at different periods of the cruise, was admitted on the medical journal for rheumatism and neuralgia, his attacks having been long, tedious and severe, which resulted in paralysis of the left side, from which he has never recovered.

The committee have no doubt that the disabled condition of the petitioner is from exposure and diseases contracted while in the service, and in the line of his duty ; therefore, report a bill for his relief.

